SAILING DIRECTIONS CORRECTIONS

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Page 119—Lines 2 to 58/R; read:

Vessels are prohibited from stopping, fishing, or anchoring, except in emergency, within the approach channels (Passe de l'Ouest, Passe Est, Westdiep, Passe de Zuydcoote, and Chenal Intermediaire) and roadsteads of Dunkerque. This regulation also applies to the four dumping ground areas lying N of the approach channels.

Restricted Areas (Release Zones), the limits of which may be best seen on the chart, lie about 2 miles NW and 7 miles W of the entrance to Port Ouest. Vessels waiting to enter the port can stop or anchor in these areas only with permission of the Harbor Master.

Vessels with drafts over 10m or lengths over 230m are considered to be constrained. Such vessels must display the appropriate shapes and lights when transiting the approach channels.

Special regulations and reporting procedures apply to vessels over 1,600 grt transporting dangerous cargoes in bulk in the approaches to the French coasts of the North Sea, English Channel, and the Atlantic between the Belgian border and the Spanish border.

Such vessels should contact Gris-Nez Traffic on VHF channel 13 or Dunkerque Port Control on VHF channel 73 when arriving within VHF range, and, in any case, before leaving the Dover Strait TSS. Vessels should then maintain a continuous listening watch on these frequencies.

Such vessels must report any significant defects to propulsion, steering, anchoring, or radar equipment prior to entering French territorial waters. Vessels must send an ETA 12 hours before arrival to the pilot station and to Dunkerque Port Control.

Such vessels are authorized to proceed without a pilot to the Waiting Area anchorage lying to the W of the Dyck lighted buoy. They are not permitted to proceed E of the Dyck lighted buoy unless a Dunkerque pilot is on board. However, vessels less than 100m in length unable to embark a pilot because of weather may, with permission from the authorities, proceed through the approach channel.

For further details of these special procedures, see Pub. 140, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) North Atlantic Ocean, Baltic Sea, North Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea.

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